



County Administrative Office
Governmental & Legislative Affairs

Josh Candelaria
Director

April 6, 2018

The Honorable Brian Maienschein
California State Assembly
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **AB 1964** (Maienschein) – As Introduced on January 30, 2018 - **OPPOSE**

Dear Assemblyman Maienschein:

The County of San Bernardino is writing in opposition to AB 1964 which would revise the definition of organized camps to include “organized resident camps” and “organized day camps” and would require local enforcement agencies to permit, inspect and enforce thousands of additional organizations and facilities statewide. This would place an undue burden on local health departments that are already challenged to maintain sufficient staffing resources to regulate camps and facilities currently within their jurisdictions.

For several years, there have been legislative efforts to define “day camps” in statute under existing law for organized camps. The County of San Bernardino has opposed such efforts on the grounds that the measures would impose expansive new mandates on local health departments to regulate a broad new type of camp. AB 1964 mirrors previous proposed day camps bills; however, it includes new language defining two tiers of day camps with the difference being Tier 1 camps that prepare food on site and Tier 2 camps that do not. By definition, Tier 2 day camps would still allow service of prepackaged potentially hazardous food to be served. As a result, the passage of AB 1964 could lead to an upsurge of complaints, hospitalizations and deaths due to foodborne illnesses.

Unfortunately, the bill leaves gaps in the tier system due to a lack of clear definitions and standards and it introduces a large number of questions that would need adequate answers in order to effectively regulate day camps.

For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino respectfully opposes AB 1964. If you have any questions regarding the County’s position, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcountry.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Lovingood".

Robert A. Lovingood
First District Supervisor
Chairman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors

c: San Bernardino County Legislative Delegation

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